

THE WAY WYCOMBE ARE GETTING RICH QUICK

You will no doubt have read that Wycombe's venture into Europe has cost them a great deal of money in expenses, although a good gate for their return leg against Monza at home would probably have made them all square overall in financial terms. However complaints by them that this venture might well lose them money, does not get my sympathy and I am sure not from most other Enfield followers who made the trip to Loakes Park, for our league fixture in late September. The high amounts they charged for entrance from the ground into the stand or enclosure was absolutely disgraceful. The entrance into the ground was 40p for adults which is a fair figure, while for juveniles it was 30p and O.A.P's 20p (it is still only 5p at Enfield games). However the crunch comes when if you wish to go into the stand your transfer fee from the ground is a staggering 30p. Furthermore the 30p applies whether you are an adult, a juvenile or an O.A.P. It was no wonder the stand was nearly half empty. Wycombe know that they have a club in a catchment area with no other club in near proximity to take away support - but I ask the question should they take advantage of their supporters by high admission prices - especially the older citizens.

The next Saturday saw the clash of the giants Wycombe Wanderers - not so effective up front this season and Enfield at a somewhat less crowded Loakes Park. A galling wind and the Wanderers infamous side sloping pitch made good football almost impossible to play. After a goalless first half Enfield attacked strongly but really the game was won and lost within a few minutes. First John Palmer Wycombe's centre half almost headed into his own net, John Haskell just about managing to turn the ball round the post, then George Brooks sliced wide a Micky O'Sullivan effort when it must have been easier to score. Shortly afterwards, Wycombe got the first goal when Keith Mead shot in after Evans' first effort had been charged down. Then in the 73rd minute Dylan Evans the Wanderers most impressive player whipped in a glorious shot from thirty yards. Keith Mead scored a consolation goal for the E's against his old club in the last minute.